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GOTCHA PNP Chief Razon shows the photos to the media on Friday.

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GMA to see Bush, McCain, Obama in US

By Julius Labog-Javellana

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO will be meeting with rival candidates for the US presidency, Senators John McCain and Barack Obama, after she sees President George W. Bush this week, in what will be her third visit to the White House since coming to power in 2001.

The campaigns of McCain and Obama have "shown interest" in and confirmed the meeting with Ms Arroyo, said Ambassador Willy Gaa... Ambassador Macaraeg Paynor Jr., consul gener-

GMA TO SEE A4

Ces kin paid ₱5 million

Razon: Indanan mayor kept ₱3M

By Alcuin Papa, Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Jerome Aning

RANSOM OF P5 MILlion was paid for the release of ABS-CBN reporter Ces Oreña-Drilon and her crew, and the chief negotiator for their release pocketed P3 million of the amount, Philippine National Police Director General Avelino Razon said yesterday.

Razon made the announcement at a press conference, quoting from an affidavit issued by Senior Supt. Winnie Quidato, the acting chief of the PNP Intelligence Group who, Razon said, worked "undercover" on the kidnapping case.

He said Quidato had "first-hand personal knowledge" of the delivery of the P5-million ransom to the chief negotiator, Mayor Alvarez Isnaji of Indanan, Sulu, and the delivery of the P2-million cut to the kidnappers of Drilon, her cameramen Angelo Valderrama and

CES KIN A4





IN COLD CASH PNP Chief Avelino Razon cites the allegedly incriminating photo (above) as part of the documentary evidence against Indanan Mayor Alvarez Isnaji and his son Haider. Taken by a police surveillance camera, it shows Alvarez Isnaji (on the phone), Haider and Sulu Vice Gov. Lady Ann Sahidulla handling the money. Man at right in foreground is Supt. Winnie Quidato, chief of the PNP Intelligence Group who worked undercover on the kidnapping case. (Right) Key negotiators, the Isnajis, are presented to the media in Camp Crame on Friday as the prime suspects.

Powerful typhoon threatens Manila

By TJ Burgonio

TROPICAL STORM "FRANK" intensified into a powerful typhoon yesterday, lashing Eastern Samar and threatening the Bicol peninsula, prompting the weather bureau to raise major storm alerts in the typhoon's expected path, including Metro Manila.

The typhoon, packing maximum winds of 140 kph and gustiness up to 170 kph, swirled close to Guiuan in southeastern Samar at about noon yesterday and, defying earlier forecasts, later made landfall in Eastern Samar, bringing heavy rains and strong winds.

"As we speak, the area is experiencing heavy rain and strong gusts of wind," said Robert Sawi, senior weather specialist of the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and As-

POWERFUL A10

Rape now a weapon of war—UN

UNITED NATIONS, NEW York—The UN Security Council demanded on Thursday that warring governments and factions act to halt violence against women, saying rape was no longer just a by-product of war but a military tactic.

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who chaired part of the session, told the council the world had now recognized that sexual violence during conflicts were beyond individual victims to affect nations' security and stability.

Echoed by a string of speakers, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon told the 15-nation council the problem had "reached unspeakable and pandemic proportions in some societies attempting to recover from conflict."

Maj. Gen. Patrick Cammaert, a former UN peacekeeping

RAPE A10

Arrested mayor one of 'key leaders of MNLF'

By Michael Lim Ubac and Arlyn dela Cruz, Contributor

THE MUSLIM MAYOR WHO'S THE MASTERMIND in the kidnapping of an ABS-CBN news crew is not only a warrior known for being fearless. He is also a stalwart of the Moro National Liberation Front and his arrest could have an impact on the implementation of the 1996 peace deal with the rebels, officials say.

Press Secretary Jesus Dureza yesterday described Indanan Mayor Alvarez Isnaji as one of the "key leaders of the MNLF," being a member of its central committee or its so-called "Executive 15."

As a guerrilla fighter, Isnaji held the rank equivalent to a brigadier general in the Armed Forces, commanding the respect of his peers because of his battlefield victories at the height of the secessionist campaign in Muslim Mindanao.

His most daring exploit was his participation in the bloody attack and burning of Jolo town in 1974, according to Abu Amhri Taddik, a fellow MNLF veteran.

ARRESTED A4

PNP bares 2nd bundle of ransom

By Alcuin Papa

WAS A SECOND BUNDLE OF ransom money paid for the release of ABS-CBN reporter Ces Oreña-Drilon?

Documents from the Philippine National Police obtained by the Inquirer yesterday appeared to support reports that, indeed, another batch of money was paid for the freedom of Drilon, cameramen Jimmy Encarnacion

PNP BARES A4

Elite AFP units conducting surgical strikes

By Nikko Dizon and Christine O. Avendaño

SPECIAL MILITARY UNITS ARE conducting surgical strikes in select areas in Sulu to hunt down the kidnappers of ABS-CBN reporter Ces Drilon and her three companions, the commander of the Armed Forces' antiterror unit said yesterday.

"We are using special units, small units that can move at night and target select areas," Maj. Gen. Juancho Sabban of the Joint Task Force Comet told reporters in Camp Aguinaldo by phone from Jolo, Sulu.

Sabban said there was no massive, all-out operation against the kidnappers, who are believed to be members of the Abu Sayyaf bandit group. He urged the media to be circumspect in reporting the military offensive and not to portray a picture that Sulu had turned into a war zone.

"In the town proper of Jolo and other municipalities, all the activities are normal," he said.

It was the military and the po-

ELITE A4

UN urges RP youth to ride 'green wave'

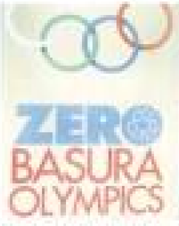
By Tarra Quismundo

A UNITED NATIONS HIGH LEVel official on biodiversity yesterday called on the Filipino youth to ride "the green wave" and take part in global efforts to protect all life on earth as the world counts down to 2010, the International Year of Biodiversity.

Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaf, executive secretary of the UN's Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), also called on more Asian leaders to agree to a plan on zero deforestation by 2020 to slow down the destruction of plants and animals.

About 80 percent of the world's known biodiversity could be found in forests, where about 1.6 billion people also depend for their survival, Djoghlaf told a news conference at Dusit Hotel in Makati City yesterday.

UN URGES A11





SOFT APPROACH After 300 days, DENR's program will reward LGUs, barangays, schools, industries implementing best practices.

Dirtiest game in town: 'Zero Basura' Olympics

By TJ Burgonio

IT'S THE DIRTIEST GAME IN TOWN.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources yesterday launched "Zero Basura (Garbage) Olympics: A Race to Conquer Garbage in 300 Days," a program which offers recognition for best practices in waste management.

Towns, schools, subdivisions, markets and even industrial establishments can win awards just by managing their

DIRTIEST A11



Second FrontPage

WEATHER FORECAST

Too early to celebrate, Koko told

Migz says Senate protest still has a long way to go

SEN. JUAN MIGUEL "MIGZ" ZUBIRI YESTERDAY said it was too early for losing senatorial candidate Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III to celebrate over the decision of the Senate Electoral Tribunal (SET) to proceed with the recount of disputed results of the 2007 senatorial elections in several provinces in Mindanao.

'Sufficient cause'

SET's focus



MARINE AND SCOUT RANGER officers celebrate after being cleared of minor charges by the court-martial.

MUTINY COURT-MARTIAL

28 officers cleared of minor charges

Drop in rice prices noted in Mindanao

Onset of harvest

Terminal 3 declared ready for local flights

By Tara Quismundo

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Maiden flight

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ATO set to seek new FAA audit

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BIR presses claim on Velarde assets

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GMA to see Bush, McCain, Obama in US

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Millennium challenge





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UP centennial ₱100 notes launched

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE OBLATION, THE UNIVERSITY OF the Philippines' beloved icon, appears in a new edition of ₱100 notes produced by the central bank to mark the 100th year anniversary of the country's premier university.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and UP launched the ₱100 UP Centennial notes, expected to become a collector's item, last Wednesday at the BSP Security Plant Complex in Quezon City.

UP President Emerlinda Roman, who presided over the launch along with BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr., said the notes had a value

The commemorative ₱100 notes are now available for sale at the UP Office of the Vice President for Administration as four-unit (four uncut pieces) in an especially designed folder featuring the signatures of all UP presidents including Roman.

Each folder with the four uncut pieces is for sale for ₱1,000 each.



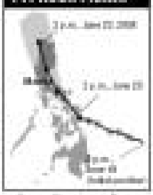
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Fertilizer discount coupons out

By Amy R. Remo

THE DEPARTMENT of Agriculture yesterday began distributing fertilizer discount coupons worth P500 for every hectare of land planted to palay under the production support program for the wet season planting.

The wet or main planting season begins in May and ends in October of every year.

In a statement, Agriculture Secretary Arthur C. Yap said these coupons were initially distributed to palay farmers in Mindanao, particularly in Surigao del Sur, Cagayan de Oro City and Misamis Oriental.

Yap, together with President Macapagal Arroyo and local chief executives, had kicked off the nationwide distribution of fertilizer discount coupons to palay farmers.

"It is a very timely intervention from the DA considering that the high prices of fertilizers swiftly have shot up to as high as P1,900 per bag in recent months," Yap said.

This initiative forms part of the government's response to the rising prices of seeds, fertilizers and other production inputs to help attain the department's Rice Self-Sufficiency Program and sustain the growth of the rice industry in the country.

Under the plan, the government seeks to achieve at least 98 percent self-sufficiency in rice by 2010.



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One billion signatures

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Work safety at shipyard 'deplorable'



DEATH BECKONS

A fishing boat lies on a bed of water lilies at the Laguna de Bay, a body of water that experts and environmentalists say could be gasping its last breath.

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT—A GROUP OF WORKERS at a shipyard operated by the Korean firm Hanjin Heavy Industries Inc. described working conditions in the shipyard as "deadly, deplorable and scandalous."

The group also took the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) to task for allegedly failing to impose sanctions against Hanjin for violating safety measures that led to the deaths of two workers in the last two weeks.

Charry Amparo, secretary general of the Shipyard and Construction Worker's Association, said Hanjin's operations would have been suspended had the SBMA imposed penalties based on Hanjin's alleged repeated safety lapses.

"With the record of deaths, you can imagine how dangerous the working environment is and how irresponsible Hanjin is when it comes to occupational health and safety," she said. "With more than 10,000 employees, the Hanjin facility does not have a medical facility. The measures designed for safety of workers (by Hanjin) is deplorable and gravely scandalous."

Instant death

Oliver Lahay, 32, a welder from Olongapo City, died on Sunday when a one-ton bulkhead fell on him while he was grinding another block bulkhead for a cargo ship.

Initial investigation by the SBMA intelligence and investigation office showed that the metal stopper keeping the bulkhead in place gave way and the bulkhead fell on Lahay, killing him instantly.

In a statement, SBMA Administrator Armand Arreza said that "SBMA's occupational health and safety office is conducting a full investigation of the recent accidents."

"We are staying on top of the situation, and the SBMA would get to the bottom of this," he said.

A Korean foreman, identified as Kim Choon Sik, ordered Lahay to do his job with "no safety officer at the site to oversee the activity," according to an SBMA report.

The report also said the "tack welded metal support located at the ground gave in causing the plate to collapse" because "some metal support were not welded well."

"Hanjin had no control record for the finished welding materials or ensure its quality and safety," the report said.

Lahay was hired by Subic Ship Builder Corp., a Hanjin contractor, it was learned.

On June 11, a Hanjin crane boom crashed into a service pickup, killing Rafael Carag, one of its passengers. The impact wrecked the truck.

The Inquirer learned that Hanjin has not provided the SBMA with job safety analysis of tasks considered to be dangerous to its workers.

Hanjin reaction

In an earlier interview, Jeong Hup Shin, HHIC-Philippines Inc. president, said the company regretted the accidents.

"In every accident, Hanjin takes final responsibility even though it was done by our supplier or subcontractor," he said.

Pyeong Jong Yi, Hanjin general manager, said the accidents could be attributed to human error. "But we are strictly implementing safety programs," he said. *Robert Gonzaga, Inquirer Central Luzon*

Potato farmers urged to stop chemical use

BAGUIO CITY—THE BUREAU OF PLANT Industry is pushing the intensive use of alternative pest control among Cordillera potato farmers to cushion the impact of soaring prices of chemicals and other commercial farm inputs.

Juan Aquario, chief of the BPI's National Crop Research and Development Center in the Cordillera, said bacterial wilt and the cyst nematode, the most common problems of potato farmers, could be eliminated through crop rotation and the use of biological agents.

Bacterial wilt is a disease that causes brownish rings in potato tubers while the cyst nematode is a pest that stunts the growth of potato plants.

"We do not have a potato disease outbreak or alarming incidence of pest infestation now. But crop rotation and the use of biological agents could help our farmers from their dependence on high cost inputs needed to kill the wilt and cyst nematode," Aquario said on Tuesday.

The province has 10,364 hectares of land devoted to potatoes that produce an average of 97,334 metric tons a year.

There are more than 7,000 potato farmers in the province.

Bacterial wilt and cyst nematode could decrease production from 30 to 70 percent if their causative are become severe, Aquario said.

But he said crop rotation could prevent the wilt from becoming prevalent.

Crop rotation means planting other vegetables, like cabbages and carrots, on land previously planted with potatoes.

The other vegetables would suppress wilt incubation since they are incapable of becoming hosts, he said.

Aquario said he believed that in one crop year, potatoes must be planted only once to prevent the growth of the disease.

He said the cyst nematode could be solved through the use of trichoderma, a biological agent that the BPI has been giving to farmers since three years ago.

"The agent is a microorganism that is effective against soil borne pathogens like the cyst nematode," he said.

He said trichoderma, when mixed with the soil before planting, could kill the cyst.

The province's farmers plant three common potato varieties—Granola, Igorota and Raritan.

But the Benguet State University recently developed four varieties that were considered as the country's first organic potato varieties—Solibao, Ghilis, Bansigeragan, Wasnai and Tawid.

Department of Agriculture records showed that Benguet is the country's major supplier of potatoes, producing 62 percent of harvests yearly. It is followed by Davao (14 percent), Mt. Province (12 percent) and Bukidnon (10 percent). *Desiree Caluza, Inquirer Northern Luzon*

9 dead in 2 road accidents

CITY OF MALOLOS—Nine people were killed while 14 others were seriously hurt in separate road accidents in Bataan and Bulacan on Thursday and early Friday, police said.

Five people were killed at 2 a.m. Friday when two trucks collided on the national highway in Barangay Mandoo in San Ildefonso town in Bulacan.

Dead in that crash were Jimmy Nones, Benedict Rivero and Brenda Morales, all from Pangasinan, Ananong, Gabby Balmalagan and Christian Carreon.

In Bataan, four people were killed while eight others were wounded on Thursday when an oil bulk carrier slammed into a parked mini bus in Barangay Lamao in Limay town.

Police identified the dead as Exequiel Espinosa, the tanker's driver, Rolando Garcia, Pablo Agaulo and Analie Romero, all of Abucay, Bataan.

Carmela Reyes and Greg Refraccion, Inquirer Central Luzon



Tribal folk score win vs mining firm



CREWMEN of mining firm OceanaGold Phils. tear down a house in Didipio village.

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INQUIRER Visayas

Nature park rises from once bald mountain

By Inna M. Sino-Cruz
Cebu City

A FEW YEARS AGO, a 71-hectare area in Cebu City's mountain village of Pung-ol Sibugay had zero forest cover as people had cut down trees so they could plant crops and flowers.



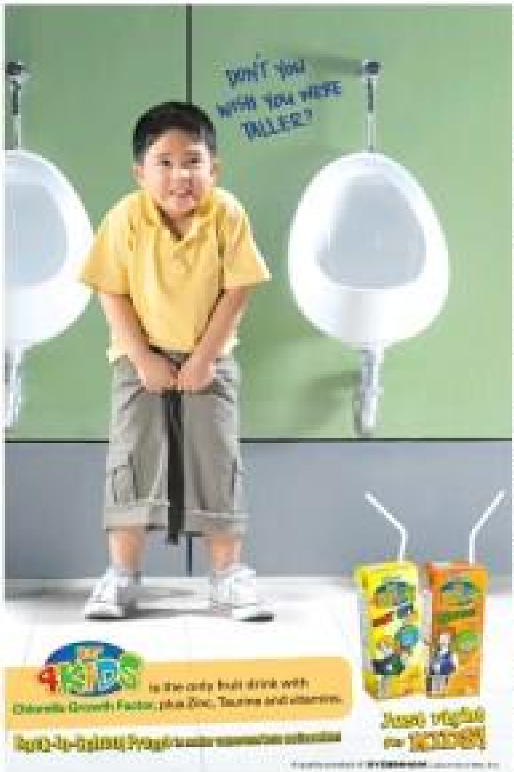
THE KAN-IRAG Nature Park in Ayala Heights.

Showcase

'We intend this to be a showcase of biodiversity, an area of learning and a model for eco-tourism.'

A work in progress

Watershed



Late SPORTS

Talk 'N Text nips P'foods

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More Sports on A27 to A30



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Charges filed vs suspected gunrunner

Firearms cache valued at P2M

THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FILED CHARGES yesterday against the alleged gunrunner arrested during a buy-bust operation Wednesday night in a Makati City condominium.



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'Souvenirs' give Quezon City murder suspects away

Olivares appeals libel conviction

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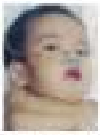
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Giving in to ransom demand

On Target



Baby with liver ailment needs help



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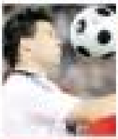
Australia's fourth richest man faces criminal charges

At Yahoo, exodus of executives continues

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Peace breaks out in Middle East

CAIRO—A TRUCE IN GAZA, A PRESIDENT IN LEBANON, PEACE talks between Israel and Syria: the Middle East's myriad crises seem to be calming, but analysts warn the respite will only last until a new US president is elected.



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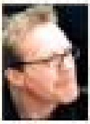
MANNY is a pensive mood after Thursday's workout.

By Roy Luarca

HOLLYWOOD—MANNY PACQUIAO EXPECTS TO HIT EITHER 134 pounds or the 135-lb limit during the official weigh-in for his World Boxing Council lightweight title bout against champion David Diaz on June 28 at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas.

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Roach back to guide Manny



ROACH

By Roy Luarca

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De Luna, Manalo in big PPT starts



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Villar Cup Cebu: Chua stuns veteran Kiamco



RP an expert tourney manager, avers Campo



CAMPOMANES

Ikeda in last 8; Ardina ousted

SJC 'Rambulan' last round today



VICTORY PARADE Kevin Garnett holds the NBA Championship Trophy during the Boston Celtics victory parade in Boston, Massachusetts. The Celtics beat archrival Los Angeles Lakers in a best-of-seven series for the NBA title, 4-2.

Rosales trails Miyazato by 3 shots in LPGA tilt

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Germany marches on

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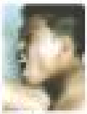


3 RP golds in Southeast Asian age-group swim

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Divers upbeat on Olympic bid





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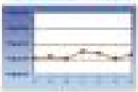


Remittances expected to hit $16.45B in '08

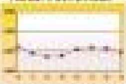
BSP says demand for Filipino workers abroad continue to remain strong

THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS EXPECTS CASH remittances from overseas Filipinos to hit a new record of about $16.45 billion this year—up by 10 percent over a

Rice traders reluctant to import rice



STOCK MARKET



Shares close 0.5% lower



6 mass housing projects secure tax incentives

Ventures involve P5.24B billion in investments

Megaworld posts 158% increase in sales to OFWs

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GOCCs remit ₱2.03B to gov't

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Coconut product exports up 50%



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IPO draws up antipiracy scheme

By Ronald W. Domingo



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Action urged as 500 Pinoys diagnosed with diabetes daily



‘De-stressing through coffee’s scent’

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Why blood glucose self-monitoring at home is important



Fundamental tool

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How-tos of housing loans, spotting fake titles at property fest



By Tessa R. Salazar

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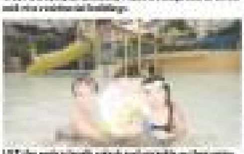
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7 mid-rise buildings

New Naga homes to attract regional homebuyers

By Charles E. Buban





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Completely developed



Wine lovers savor life at McKinley Hill

Seven clusters

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A LIGHTWEIGHT canopy adds modernity to a simple bed frame.

...ly Filipinos have probably gone back to their roots with the worldwide popularity of the platform bed, very similar in construction to our humble "papag." Credit that to the ... fusion craze that emphasized relaxation through low mattresses. Reclaimed bed frames, platforms or ledges that are strongly suggestive of ease and equilibrium. These platform beds so prevalent today have gradually become a favorite because their low height visually creates more space in a room. Perfect for the shrinking room dimensions of the urban home or condo unit.

Pod-style bed

But contemporary bed designs need not be limited to the platform concept. Modern versions of pods, canopies and traditional four-legged beds come in today's market. Pods can be used in larger spaces and are like the generation's version of the canopied bed. Free of mosquito netting ... and romantic notions, a pod-style bed is perfect for the stress-fuelled lifestyle, where sleeping is much like retreating into a womb and hiding away from the rest of the world. Other bed concepts toy with the elements of balance and get experimental with various forms and materials to create novel experiences to complement the normal routine of sleep. Because form alone is not enough of a novelty, some beds are designed to have built-in stereo systems, reclining bars, charging docks for cellphones and iPods, and other provisions for bedside gadgetry.

Like the ancient times when beds were used for eating and entertaining, it seems like the modern way of life is not much different, except that modern technology and creative designs have found new ways to address the lifestyle of sleep.



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The Energy Conservation Building of Thailand

GREEN ARCHITRENDS

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THE ENERGY CRISIS IS PROMPTING many countries to adopt various measures to cut down their energy use. Conservation measures range from the use of renewable energy to efficient lighting. Despite these initiatives, there is still a large information gap concerning what can be done to conserve energy. Information campaigns meant to enlighten people about energy issues are largely ignored out of indifference or simple ignorance.

One country that has launched an innovative approach to educate the people about energy conservation is Thailand.

In 1996, the 50th anniversary of the King's coronation, the Thais through the Department of Energy Development and Promotion gifted their King with the opening of the Energy Conservation Building (the Eco Building as it is popularly known there).

The much-revered King of Thailand declared the idea of a self-sufficient economy in 1974. His prodigious wisdom inspired the project when he lamented the creeping impoverishment of the people then, and asked the government to implement a "policy of sufficiency economy so that everyone will have enough to live on."

The energy crisis was perceived to progressively widen the gap between social classes. Energy conservation became a top priority to address the oil crisis, the changing environment and changing lifestyles.

The Energy Conservation Building is situated on a 2.5 hectare land north of Bangkok with a floor area of 6,000 square meters.

Exhibition areas

The building has an Energy Training Centre, which includes laboratories with equipment related to air conditioning and lighting systems and steam production for use as a demonstration area.

The building also houses the Energy Conservation Centre which functions as a venue for measuring and analyzing energy consumption data. It will also be an information center on conservation.

One of the most popular areas in the Eco Building is The Energy Conservation Display Centre. It features energy technology and energy conservation exhibits targeted at the general public, college students and the primary school students.

The display center, made more interesting with touch screen computers and innovative instruments, demonstrates the equipment and systems used for energy conservation in industries, commercial buildings, private homes and communities.

The exhibit also features an Electric and Lighting System Design Centre, an Electromagnet and Electricity Study Centre.

For hot and humid climate

The Energy Conservation building model is the result of the desire to design a building appropriate to and harmonious with the hot and humid climate of Thailand.

The design concept is approached from a Total Integration System perspective, considering soil, water, wind and fire. As a result, new concepts have been developed which considered not only aesthetics but also energy conservation.

A lot of analytical study was conducted resulting in new theories to fit weather conditions in Thailand and most of Southeast Asia. The center has become an international hub for architects, engineers, businessmen, students and tourists.

The theories adopted in the Eco Building include improving the surrounding environment. Planting of large trees, plants and grass encircling the building improves wind movement and lowers temperatures above ground surface.

The use of bodies of water with an average depth of 1.5 meters absorbs radiation from the sun. Pools or ponds placed in the northwest position of the building from where the wind blows in hot weather help cool surroundings.

Other theories include taking advantage of coolness by choosing materials for the ground floor that efficiently transfer cool ground temperatures to the inside of the building. Materials with slow heat absorption and high emissivity should be used as well as those that effectively take underground water and evaporate it. Dark colored materials or those with high heat absorption like asphalt should be avoided especially in areas where the wind blows.

Earth forming (or the use of mounds and slopes around the building's exterior walls to transfer cold temperature from the soil into the building) directly results in lower temperatures than the outside climate.

The shape of the building allows air to flow efficiently past a building's surface to release heat gain on the surface of the walls. Designing the walls of the Eco Building so these in the shape of a pyramid reduced air pressure on the sides of the building. The vertex of the pyramid could serve as skylight and will provide natural lighting.

New high efficiency technology for thermal, lighting, acoustic and visual factors ensure high comfort of building occupants.

With the deteriorating social situation caused by high energy prices, excessive heat and humidity and pollution, energy conservation is really going ahead of aesthetic considerations in building planning.

The Thai people deserve our admiration in their response to His Majesty the King's vision in recognizing the importance of energy conservation in our time.

The Energy Conservation Building could very well be a model not only for Thailand but for other Asian countries as they continue to confront the challenging energy crisis.

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The Philippines is hosting the Third ASEAN Tourism Investment Forum (ATIF) from July 6-9, 2008 at the SMX Convention Center, SM Mall of Asia, Manila. This year's theme "ASEAN Tourism: Your Gateway to Investment Growth and Opportunities" aims to bring together the 10 ASEAN member countries and the rest of the world to discuss and facilitate investments in tourism enterprises and activities through an Investment Expo, Conference, Business Matching Sessions, Investment Counselings and networking. For details, please contact Mr Donald Maldonado at (632) 3950022 or e-mail [illegible]. Registration is free.

For comments or inquiries, email amadodejesus@gmail.com



THAILAND'S Energy Conservation Building in honor of His Majesty the King, is the result of the desire to design a building appropriate to and harmonious with the hot and humid climate of Thailand. The design concept is approached from a Total Integration System perspective, considering soil, water, wind and fire.



THE ECO Building features new high efficiency technology for thermal, lighting, acoustic and visual factors to ensure high comfort of building occupants. Shown is the main lobby which utilizes daylight extensively.



Surf 'n' turf

by Tals Dias

Eat your art out!

by Paolo Reyes

Vision quest

by James Gabrillo



Wes Anderson

Perhaps no one better represents the modern independent filmmaker than Wes Anderson.

After graduating from the University of Texas, Anderson and pal Owen Wilson made the short film "Bottle Rocket" in 1994. His talent won over surefooted powered famous producer James L. Brooks and director Martin Scorsese—and with Brooks' help, "Bottle Rocket" became a full-length feature two years later.

Anderson adapted quickly to working within the Hollywood studio system, found more success with "Rushmore" (1998), and was soon flourishing in a most unusual way—creating his own idiosyncratic worlds, each infused with a unique and utterly independent sensibility, for major studio picture outfits.

Sometimes hailed as the wunderkind of a new auteur, Anderson's films are instantly recognizable as much for their signature camera shots and revolving cast of regulars (Wilson and his brother Luke, Bill Murray, Anjelica Huston) as for their often misguided, somewhat pan-their-prime protagonists and obsessive soundtracks.

His films have brought a host of lovable, wildly misunderstood misfits to the screen—the precocious Max Fischer in "Rushmore," the title character in "The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou," and the crabbily odd Tenenbaum family in "The Royal Tenenbaums."

With his soundtrack choices leaning heavily toward the first wave of the British invasion, he's introduced a whole new generation of music and movie-lovers to the Small Faces.

His recent work is "The Darjeeling Limited," featuring Wilson, Adrien Brody, and Jason Schwartzman as three brothers who travel to India following the death of their father, shot on location in India. He's also finishing the feature-length stop motion animation of Roald Dahl's story "Fantastic Mr. Fox," featuring the voices of Cate Blanchett and George Clooney—look out for that in '09.



Jim Jarmusch

If a film is a world unto itself with a language all its own, a Jim Jarmusch film is a self-contained universe, one rife with the filmmaker's own idiosyncratic idiom.

Ever since he made "Permanent Vacation" (1980) before dropping out of film school, that language—the long takes, the haunting atmospheric frames, the frayed anti-heroes—has been developing into a kind of shorthand for film fans and filmmakers. Jarmusch has a way of letting his characters do the talking, oftentimes without talking at all.

Uncompromising and instantly recognizable—like Jarmusch himself, with his shock of white hair—his films tend to linger on rather than push a story out of its characters. Often, they're set on long journeys, searching for something to do ("Stranger Than Paradise"), or searching for someone ("Broken Flowers").

Not a whole lot may happen in a Jarmusch movie, but it's a memorable, thoughtful "nothing"





Vision

Western independent filmmakers

They strut, but don't crave attention. They're intelligent and intimidating, protective and powerful. And they have the whole film world watching them closely.

THE CONNOTATION OF THE WORD "INDEPENDENT" has changed a lot over the years, but one thing's for certain—the term's grown a lot more flexible. The traditional notion of an independent film—a low-budget to no-budget arthouse flick with unshakable distributors—is seriously out of date. Independent films can cost millions; they can be produced with the blessing of studios, and their traditional no-name casts may have all but been replaced with big-draw names.

At the same time, known director can [illegible] press, and still remain [illegible] about—some say too "independent" [illegible] who made it—whether [illegible]

In this page, [illegible] independents of [illegible] They take chances [illegible] own terms—with or [illegible] studios or without.

What makes them [illegible]

The Best Pinoy Rockers Rock the Nokia 5310 XpressMusic

It's no surprise that Filipinos lead the Asian music scene. It's as if we are born with such musical flair, with a surplus of music icons celebrated and idolized. In the rock genre alone, Pinoy rockers are all the rage.

It is only natural that Nokia, the leading brand in mobile devices, brings the best of rock, with its new music player, the Nokia 5310 XpressMusic. Tapping rock icons such as Francis Reyes of The Dawn, Raimund Marasigan and Diego Mapa of Pedicab, Gabby Alipe of Urbandub, Kevin Roy of Razorback and the legendary Joey "Pepe" Smith, Nokia asks the burning question in people's minds - what's in their music playlist?

With this as central theme, Nokia threw a Rock Playlist party in Teatrino last June 20. Descending from their rocking thrones, rock royalty shared and performed the songs in their 5310 XpressMusic playlist to a captive audience of select guests, music enthusiasts and purveyors of the rock genre. Celebrated photographer Rawn Hisanaza caught the rock scene in its photoshoot.

"Every artist that is on my Nokia 5310 playlist plays a great influence in my music and lyrics," admits Urbandub frontman and guitarist Gabby Alipe, "whether it is new or old. I listen to their songs to get new input." Gabby's playlist expresses his versatile, unrestricted musical inclinations. His playlist includes sultry and sexy "No Ordinary Love" by Sade and "Ex-Factor" by Lauryn Hill, the reggae filled "What I Got" by Sublime, rock band Deftones' "Hole in the Earth", new wave legend Depeche Mode's "Home", "Drastic Fantastic" by Scottish talent KT Tunstall, "Joga" by Björk, "Flashing Lights" by the hip hop superstar Kanye West, "Crimewave" by electro-house Toronto based group Crystal Castles, a recent discovery and new favorite and "So Real" by the late, great Jeff Buckley.

Kevin Roy's playlist boasts tracks from classic rock acts like Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd. There are also local picks from Cynthia Alexander (Wait), Wolfgang (Sang Alon ang Dalo), and songs from his own bands Razorback and Loquy. As Kevin's playlist points out, "Make your own music!"

Francis Reyes of The Dawn plugged in his favorites such as U2 and The Kooks, with a wildcard thrown in - The Most Beautiful Girl in the Room from The Flight of the Conchords.

Pedicab bandmates Diego Mapa and Raimund Marasigan know how to dance and have fun with urban and hip hop tracks in their playlist such as "99 Problems" by Jay-Z, and "Kick Push" by Lupe Fiasco.

And when asked what was the song in his playlist that most inspired him as a musician, Joey "Pepe" Smith offered our very own National Anthem, "Lupang Hinirang" by Julian Felipe. That, plus some Rolling Stones (Jumping Jack Flash), The Kinks (You Really Got Me), Bob Dylan and John Lennon thrown in the mix.

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So what's on your Nokia 5310 XpressMusic playlist?



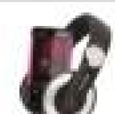
In Gabby Alipe's Playlist:

Sade - No Ordinary Love
Depeche Mode - Home
KT Tunstall - Drastic Fantastic
Jeff Buckley - So Real
Crystal Castles - Crime Wave
Deftones - Hole in the Earth
Lauryn Hill - Ex-factor
Kanye West - Flashing Lights
Bjork - Joga
Sublime - What I Got



In Kevin Roy's Playlist:

Razorback - Empire Records
Loquy - Lullaby of Watchful Tree
Cynthia Alexander - Wait
Wolfgang - Sang Alon ang Dalo
Temple of the Dog - All Night Thing
Soundgarden: Say Come Samson
Led Zep - Whole Lotta Love
Pink Floyd - Fearless
Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan - Pursuit of Happiness
Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan and Michael Brooks - My Comfort Remain



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In Joey Pepe Smith's playlist:

Bobby Gonzales - Hahabol-Habol
Chuck Berry - Reelin' and Rockin'
Elvis Presley - Trouble
Muddy Waters - Lil' Red Rooster
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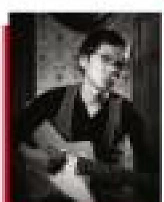


In Raimund Marasigan's playlist:

The Roots - Here I Come · Jay Z - 99 Problems · Lupe Fiasco - Kick Push · The Beastie Boys - Shake your Rump · LCD Soundsystem - Daft Punk is Playing at My House · The Kills - [illegible] · [illegible] - [illegible] · Beastie Boys - Pass the Dutchie

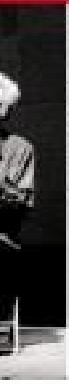
In Diego Mapa's playlist:

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In Francis Reyes' playlist:

U2 - Pride
Kooks - Message in a Bottle
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Muse - Stockholm Syndrome
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Pinback - Fortress
Radiohead - [illegible]
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Fleetwood Mac
Go Your Own Way
Jeff Buckley - Grace
Flight of the Conchords - The Most Beautiful Girl in the Room







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A Different Kind of Food Trip





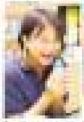








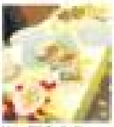


















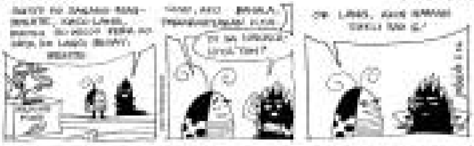
Fair Game

All's fair in art and war? Next Saturday, art freaks of every stripe slug it out in the fifth round of Art in the Park—the affordable art fair of Salcedo Village—where every prize-worthy piece will go easy on your bruised wallet

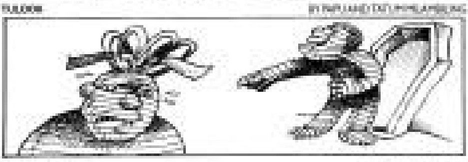


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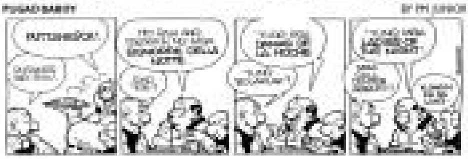


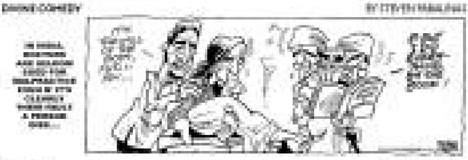




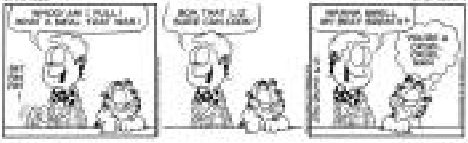


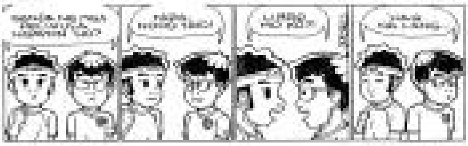
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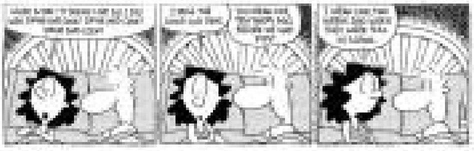


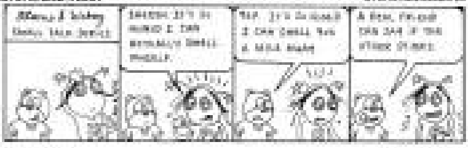
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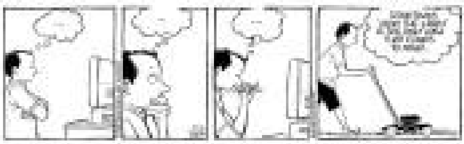




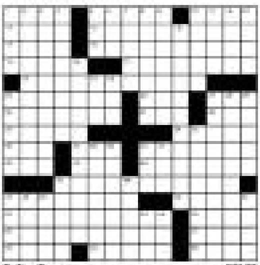




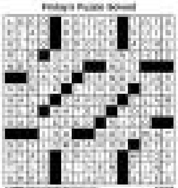
BEN BY DANIEL SHELTON



DAILY CROSSWORD



Friday's Puzzle Solved



HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCES DRAKE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

	6			1		4		
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8			7					
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6			5		3			1
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Answer to previous puzzle

4	1	8	7	5	9	2	3	6
6	5	2	1	3	8	9	7	4
7	3	9	4	6	2	1	5	8
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5	6	1	3	2	7	4	8	9
2	9	3	8	4	5	7	6	1
1	2	4	6	8	3	5	9	7
9	8	5	2	7	4	6	1	3
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Fair Game

This year, an evening art fair has been planned. From 5 p.m. onwards, Art in the Park transforms into Art After Dark.

From page D1

Art in the Park features a mix of established and emerging artists, art galleries, and art groups. [illegible]

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Art of Darkness

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Art of Gold

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Surf and the city

A few faithful surfers are taking the beach to the city, in the hopes of converting city slickers into their religion of wave worship.



OUT THE WINDOW

Tals Diaz

THERE ARE A FEW PLACES IN THE URBAN 'hood where you can spot a true-blue surfer.

Wave hello

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Where to Stop Where to Go

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The best dining privileges in town



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Waterfront group fortifies sales and marketing team



Pavilion welcomes new executive sous chef



Chef Khoon Hung Tan.

24/7 SUPER RADAR

By Janice Cuenca Dario and Staff [illegible]



FEEL the ground shake and the crackle of electricity in the air as the beat and the brightness, the buzzing and the almost forever of the live local music scene with their loyal and rabid fans congregate at the Mall of Asia for the annual **Fete de la Musique** (hosted by Pulp Magazine). Starting at 1 p.m. until midnight tonight you can drastic from one stage to another and enjoy the smorgasbord of music spread out for you to feast on. On the Pop & Roll Stage, get a load of the mainstream acts you hear on the radio such as Sugarfree, Hale, Imburnation, Chilitos, Sino Sikat? Up Dharma Down and Out of Body Special perform their hits. On the Rock Stage, head bangers are treated to the fierce sounds of a lineup that includes heavy hitters such as Pillows, Slapshock, Queso and The Youth. The Jam, Blues, World, Reggae, Alternative Stage hosts the veritable list of the people from the dance party scene like DJ Christian Rempes aka Miss Radikal, DJ Astrid aka Soulflower, DJ Marco Balboni, alongside with Radioactive Sago Project, Subway, Juan Pablo Dream, Sparkflower Show and Nyko Maca + Playground. No entrance fee, just get yourself to the mall!

And if you're down south in Cebu City, just follow the black shirt clad people to the Fete de la Musique at Fuente Center (Fuente, Banagdas, Mabolo, Cebu). Music begins from 3 p.m. to 4 a.m. featuring homegrown bands such as Kadangyan, Powerspoons, Urbal, Island Joe, Coco's Quarto, Hastang, The Ambassadors, Anino, Phylum, Agudu, Rabbi Ni Allan, Acoustic Ethic, Hardwood, 40 The Band, Operation Unknown, Smooth Fiction, Rainbow Splat, Marcus Island Jam and more.

HEAR the muffled footsteps and voices echo down past the museum of Philippine History in the **National Museum tour** guided tour guide John Silva's anecdotes, making more gore and gore more interesting than they look. Feel free to refresh your Philippine history and explore our archeological past and anthropological present in the Museum of the Filipino People—see more than the burial jars, and take a peek into the vast treasure of the Spanish galleon San Diego, the 200 years of Filipino arts and sculpture and get the chance to gawk at Juan Luna's massive Spoliarium! Throughout this tour, you'll get to hear the most fascinating stories and insights (perhaps a bit of gossip too!) about the collection. And perhaps, the tour will recall not all the tour coles of scary history teachers and professors and critically your love for our nation's culture and history once more. The three-hour tour begins at the rear entrance of the Museum of the Filipino People (Agrifina Circle, Rizal Park, Manila) at 10 a.m. sharp and ends at 1 p.m. Tour costs P700 for adults and P500 for children up to 18 years old, and reservations are preferable. Call or text John Silva at (0920) 720-5029 or e-mail him at jsilva79@mac.com. Tour dates for this month are on June 21, 22 and 29. Wear comfortable walking shoes (no heels!) or you'll surely regret it.



EXPERIENCE the exciting presentations of new, minded, talented, visually fished and unstaged plays by a mix of up-and-coming talents and well known playwrights, directors and actors at **CCP's Virgin Labfest** from June 25 to July 6. Now on its fourth year, the lineup includes one-act plays by National Artist S. Sherl Jose, award-winners Tim Dacanay, Debbie Tan, Joi Pagsibigan, and newcomers Carlo Garcia, Rhoro de la Cruz and Malaysian writer Roh Jun Hao. This event is a joint venture of CCP, Tanghalang Pilipino and the Writers' Bloc Inc. with the support of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA). Ticket rates to

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Emperor court bids adieu with farewell feast

RENAISSANCE MAKATI CITY Hotel, Manila's flagship Chinese restaurant Emperor Court will finally close its doors to pave the way for the opening of a grandiose more elegant Cantonese specialty restaurant later this year. However, before ending its final chapter in the local dining scene, a three-day nostalgic food promotion will be held offering a sumptuous lunch and dinner buffet on June 20 to 22.

The lavish buffet includes Emperor Court favorites and well-loved dishes prepared by master chef Chai Wing Ki and his brigade of expert chefs such as: Anytime Peking Duck, Steamed Garoupa, Roasted Spare Ribs with Chestnuts, Wok-fried Beef with Black Pepper Sauce, Sauteed Prawn with Chili Sauce and Wok-fried Noodles "Singapore" style, among other appetizing dishes. Delectable desserts like Red Bean Cream, Black Jelly in Whole Watermelon, Water Chestnut with Egg Drop and Peanut and Coconut Cake cap the truly satisfying meal. Emperor Court's Farewell Feast is offered at a special discounted rate of P888 per person.



Price is inclusive of VAT and local government taxes and subject to service charge. For more information and reservations, call the Renaissance Makati City Hotel, Manila at 811-6888.

Kingdom Hotel Investments to raise Raffles flag in Makati

KINGDOM HOTEL INVESTMENTS (KHI) announces plans for a major development in the heart of the Makati Business District. The extensive development on the corner of Makati Avenue and Amorsolo Street (formerly Pasay Road) will include a 30-storey glass tower with a Raffles Hotel and Raffles residences (residences details will be announced at a later date).

Known worldwide among discerning global travelers for its cultured and refined ambience, Raffles, a brand where guests are considered "residents," brings to Manila its reputation for heartfelt and gracious service. The exclusive Makati hotel is touted to be the most stunning tower ever to be built in this progressive entertainment hub of Metro Manila. It will include elegant Mediterranean and Japanese restaurants, and a private owners' lounge. Residents will be given direct access to all hotel facilities including a spa. A main attraction will be The Long Bar, a contemporary interpretation of The Long Bar at the flagship Raffles Hotel Singapore, birthplace of the "Singapore Sling".

Residents will enjoy striking views of the Makati skyline, the Manila Bay and the Laguna Bay and of the country's office skyscrapers featuring business, shopping, entertainment and recreation facilities.

Jeff Tisdall, vice president of Kingdom Hotel Investments, said: "Kingdom Hotel Investments is proud to be playing an integral role in the growth of Raffles Hotels and Resorts, renowned for its legendary service, innovative culinary concepts and cultural history. All three of our current Raffles development projects, which include China Beach in Vietnam and Praslin Island in the Seychelles, demonstrate our commitment to developing unique world class hotels and resorts in the most sought after and rapidly growing destinations. The premium Makati location for KHI's first urban Raffles development, combined with the designs by world renowned architectural and design firms, will attract international and domestic visitors."

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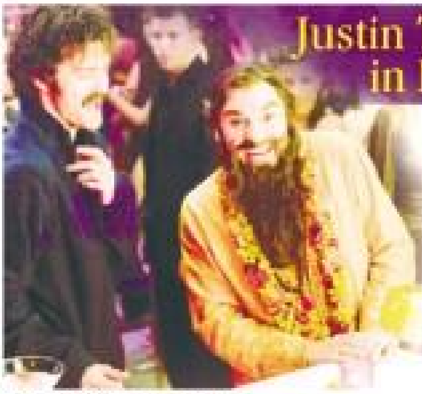
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Justin Timberlake steals scenes in Mike Myers' latest comedy


TIMBERLAKE AND MYERS, "hybrid" "The Love Guru."

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD
Ruben V. Nepales


LOS ANGELES—"TIMberlake does steal a few moments with his awful Canadian accent," Variety's film reviewer, Brian Lowry, wrote about Justin Timberlake's performance in Mike Myers' "The Love Guru." Timberlake plays Jacques "Le Coq" Grande, a Speedo-wearing, well-endowed French-Canadian hockey player. The movie is a comedy, so Justin's attempt at a Quebecois is played for laughs.

In our recent interview with Justin, when a female reporter jokingly said that she was afraid to hurt his "male pride" by asking if that was the real thing or prosthetics under his Speedo, the "SexyBack" singer grandly assured her: "I'm plenty of ego to go around. Don't worry about it!"

In "The Love Guru," Justin portrays a Los Angeles Kings goalie who lives up to the "Le Coq" name to seduce Prudence (Meagan Good), the wife of the rival Toronto Maple Leafs' star player Darren (Romany Malco). When Darren's performance suffers as a result, his team owner, Jane Bullard (Jessica Alba) hires Guru Pitka (Mike), a self-help specialist, to help fix the married star and motivate the Maple Leafs to win the Stanley Cup finals.

Asked why he accepted a film that required him to parade around in his swimming trunks, the performer who figured in the controversial Super Bowl "wardrobe malfunction" incident with Janet Jackson, replied, "Mike has his own type of comedy. Participating in that, you can get away with pretty much anything—and that's how I ended up in a Speedo!"

Right choice

"I have a man-crush on Justin," Mike quipped in the film's production notes. When we brought up the quote to Mike, whom we talked to in a separate interview, the comedian laughed and said, "Yes, I stand by that!" Teased that, for a change, Justin is the one wearing underwear and not him, Mike answered, "I made the right choice, didn't I? Indeed, I've always asked [illegible] my services."

Lino Brocka's filmography provides instructive look at his artistry



BROCKA: Despite his "for the box office" projects, his best efforts continue to shine through.

By Nestor U. Torre

LINO BROCKA'S FILMOGRAPHY, from 1970 to 1991, is an instructive list that reveals, not just the celebrated filmmaker's best efforts, but also the "calibrated compromises" he sometimes agreed to in order to persuade producers to allow him to shoot the serious films he really wanted to make.

As he himself indicated to us in the course of one of our marathon conversations, the "accepted formula" went this way: He would agree to make two "commercial" projects for every "serious" movie his producers would bankroll.

This formula reveals what a realist Brocka was—but, his strong prior was his steadfast refusal to go all-out commercial, as so many other directors have. Despite his "for the box office" projects, his best efforts continue to shine through—and they define his cinematic ethos to this day.

No surprise

Thus, it's no surprise that his first movie, "Wanted: Perfect Mother," was a for-the-box hit—but, it was quickly followed by the remarkable "Santiago." From the looks of it, the Fernando Poe Jr. action starrer was meant to be just another blockbuster, but Brocka transformed it into a powerful, insightful drama, as well.

He later confided that it had proven to be an emotionally and artistically stressful and draining experience for him, but he was able to pull it off with his growing cinematic reputation intact.

Brocka's third film, "Tubog sa Ginto," was another unexpected cinematic foray for him—this time, into the then "unspoken" world of homosexuality.

Then came his second melodrama, "Lumuha Pati mga Anghel," followed by a romantic drama, "Cadena de Amor."

Producers

Clearly, Brocka's producers were determined to wean their artistic young director away from the "no commercial" movies he yearned to make.

"Stardoom" was another "for the box" project—but Brocka managed to turn it into a searing indictment of the global but vapid world of local movies. But, his next two efforts, "Villa Miranda" and "Cherry Blossoms," reverted to popular, commercial mode.

Commercial projects

After that, the director dropped out of cinematic sight for some months. Insiders could find it that he'd had his fill of commercial projects. They exhausted him as a maker of hits, but he yearned to shoot more significant material.

Thus, in 1974, Brocka resurfaced with his first non-studio production, "Tinimbang Ka Ngunit Kulang." He shot the pioneering indie movie with money scrounged up by friends and others who believed in his evolving cinematic vision.

The film had little box office, but Catholic educators found its significant material a welcome respite from the slew of diverting but shallow movies being made at the time, so many of them made it required 'viewing' fare for their students. This, quite unexpectedly, made it a box-office hit. In fact, it became one of the first substantial Filipino movies that didn't lose money at the tills.

Even better, its success persuaded the then US-based Eddie Romero to decide to resume making movies in the Philippines, because it possibly indicated that local viewers had become more receptive to quality productions. He then proceeded to make "Ganito Kami Noon, Paano Kayo Ngayon?", thus gifting moviegoers with another significant film.

Other reasons

For these and other reasons, "Tinimbang" is regarded as one of Brocka's most influential films. What could he possibly come up with to top it? "Tatlo, Dalawa, Isa" was a good effort, consisting of three thematically instructive short tales. But, Brocka's artistic star truly rose to its optimistic zenith with "Maynila: Sa Mga Kuko ng Liwanag" (1975).

The film about oppressed urban youths benefited greatly from [illegible] del Mundo's perceptive and dynamic screenplay, which gave Brocka every opportunity to turn in his best and most committed work.

No wonder, then, that the film impressed even foreign film buffs, and ended up as the only Filipino movie cited in the [illegible] book on the best 100 films ever made!

Achieving greatness



STREET SMART

EVERYONE WANTS TO ACHIEVE greatness. Unfortunately, it seems that greatness and chivalry are now almost exclusively seen in the movies. This is why the book, "Extraordinary: Stories for Aspiring Leaders," the idea of which was initiated by Evelyn R. Singson, is a welcome addition to any book lover's collection.

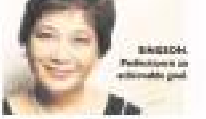
Now available at all National Bookstore outlets, the book features stories about strength, courage and fortitude, drawn from the experiences of 55 leaders of some of the country's top business organizations—like Manuel V. Pangilinan, Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala II and Lance Gokongwei. It features men and women who have transcended the "bahala na" or "OK na 'yan" mentality.

Social awareness

The book caters to a wide audience, but is particularly aimed to reach out to the country's young and aspiring leaders. It instills social awareness and espouses situations that teach us to acknowledge and take responsibility for our mistakes, move on after defeats, keep our word, and stand by our faith.

Every story in "Extraordinary" involves a person that looks beyond the self-made blocks that hinder individuals to reach new heights. The book believes that perfection is an achievable goal. So, if you think that heroism is dead, get a copy of the book—and change the world by simply believing!

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Claude Rains held his own against popular costars

By Bobby Cervantes

THE FIRST TIME I SAW CLAUDE Rains in "Caesar and Cleopatra," he played a Roman Emperor madly enamored with the Serpent of the Nile, portrayed by Vivien Leigh. I was barely 6 years old then, but I had to accompany my older sister, who introduced me to artistic films—regardless of how adult the themes of these movies were.



RAINS: His expressive face and subtle approach worked well when he played villains.

British stage actor

My sister informed me that Rains was a respected British stage actor, while the beautiful Vivien Leigh had starred as Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone with the Wind." I was impressed, although I didn't really see the Selznick classic until two years later.

There's something to be said about the Danillodes, after all, because regardless of that film's alleged literary value—Leigh's beauty, Rains' acting ability—I was frankly bored with it. I was unsure how to take a leading man with Rains' look, height and style. After all, I had been led to believe that leading men looked and moved like Errol Flynn, Cornell Wilde and Johnny Weissmuller.

Yes, he was classy, but Rains was short, middle-aged and bony. And, back then, I still wasn't familiar with such terms as "antiheroes" or "Tonio."

Supporting roles

Thereafter, I saw him play supporting roles in Bette Davis' films. There was no doubt he was a fine actor—he came to hold his own against the formidable actress, who was one of Hollywood's dramatic queens. I realized that he truly belonged in Hollywood's acting elite.

However, I didn't really like the actor because he played villains. Since I was turned off by his screen persona, he must have been effective at what he did! His villainy was in classical British theater, so he was uniquely smooth. His expressive face and subtle approach frightened me even more than stereotypical villains like Vincent Price, Peter Lorre and Sidney Greenstreet.

Then, I saw him in memorable films like "Casablanca" and "Notorious," where he costarred with Ingrid Bergman. In the latter, he was nominated for an Oscar for his portrayal of an older spy who was madly in love with the enigmatic actress. With the suave Cary Grant as his rival for Bergman's love, he won the audience's sympathy.

I appreciated the actor even more as I grew older. I belatedly discovered that he was not merely "subtle"—he was also highly effective because of his strong and arresting voice. His clear and crisp style enhanced any scene he was in!

He played lead and supporting roles in a string of films during his long career that started even before sound was introduced in motion pictures. Ironically, he didn't have much presence in his movie debut in the 1933 talkie, "The Invisible Man."

Oscar nominations

Rains earned Oscar nominations for his performances in "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," "Casablanca," "Mr. Skeffington" and "Notorious"—but he never won the coveted award!

Claude Rains will forever be remembered for his performance in 1942's "Casablanca," where he delivered the memorable last line addressed to Bogart, after Bergman and Paul Henreid had already left Casablanca, "This is the start of a beautiful friendship!" With the advent of Gay Liberation, some viewers found a deeper meaning to the punchline!

French film fest features comedic, dramatic charmers

By Nestor Torre

FOR THE PAST DECADE, FILM BUFFS IN Manila have had good cause to celebrate when June rolls in and Alliance Française de Manille rolls out its selection of French cinematic gems.

A refreshing break from the Hollywood blockbusters that glut the cinemas in the summer, the French Film Festival is an event many film lovers look forward to every year—and the fact that it's free is icing on the cake!

This year's crop is made up of lighthearted comedies and heavy dramas, with a thriller thrown in to add more texture. Comedies dominate, however, and are sure to please Pinoy audiences.

The featured filmmaker, Emmanuel Mouret, is an up-and-comer whose films are characterized by witty dialogue reminiscent of Woody Allen. Like Allen, he also writes, directs and stars in his movies.



"LOVE IS IN THE AIR." Rom-com tells the story of a flight-safety expert whose fear of flying causes him to lose the love of his life.

Mouret has two films featured in the festival: "Shall We Kiss?" and "Change of Address." The former was only screened during the festival's opening night, however, so you'll have better luck catching the latter.

Romantic misadventures

"Address," which also stars Frédérique Bel, Fanny Valette, Dany Brillant and Ariane Ascaride, is the engaging tale of David (Mouret), a shy French horn player who goes to Paris and gets entangled in romantic misadventures. The film is charming, heartily peppered with wit, and imbued with a sense of the absurd.

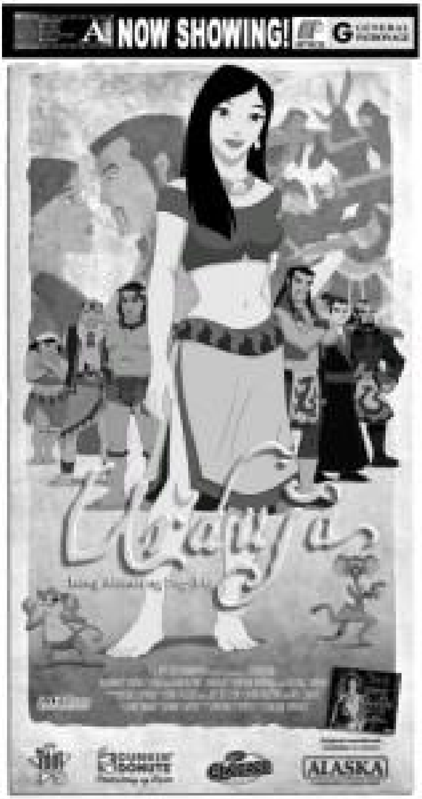
Another winner is "Love Is In the Air," the feature debut of [illegible] Rémi Bezançon. Starring Vincent Elbaz, Marion Cotillard and Gilles Lellouche, the film is a light, amusing romcom that doesn't really say anything new, but says what it has to say with such flair that it's impossible not to like it.

The tale of Yann Kerber, a flight-safety expert in search of his ideal woman, but whose terrible fear of flying has caused him to lose the love of his life, the movie has a fresh, droll feel that most Hollywood rom-coms don't have. It also has Latin diabolics, one of the best-trusted one-line friends a lovelorn character could ever hope to have.

Selections

If you're weary of glossy, big-studio releases, take a look at the selections of the French Film Festival. The French excel in many cultural fields—and cinema is definitely one of them!

Other films featured in the festival are Claude Lelouch's "Crossed Tracks," Christophe Honoré's "Love Songs," "If I Were a Rich Man," Olivier Assayas' "Clean" (starring Maggie Cheung), Benoît Cohen's "If You Love Me, Follow Me," Pierre Jolivet's "Could This Be Love?," and the Marion Cotillard starrer "La Vie En Rose." Also being featured are Bellaïche Houdaoui's "Scribe" and Raya Martin's "Now Showing." The festival runs at the Shangri-La until tomorrow.



Why 'cookie-cutter' starlets abound

By Nestor U. Torre

HAVE YOU NOTICED ON TV variety shows, 12 male and female starlets perform a hectic song-and-dance number—and, after it's over, you can't recall anybody who stood out. The poor, young things perform their hearts and souls out, but to little distinct effect.

Years ago, the performing situation was less decidedly homogenized. In a field of frisky starlets, you could always pick out two or three who stood out because they had the magic "it" or "X" that'd result in stellar appeal.



PADILLA AND MUHLACH: Their distinct personas—Aga's boy-next-door appeal and sensitive dramatics, and Robin's "bad boy" antics—are among the reasons why their careers have lasted for decades.

Handlers

So, what's wrong with today's crop of starlets? We figure, they're ending up nowhere fast, because they and their handlers are doing their darnedest to ape the established young stars in the biz, instead of developing their "unique selling factor" in performers.

In other words, they're playing it too safe and lazy to make a distinct impression on viewers, so nobody chalks them. They forget that headliners are called "stars" precisely because they exude a sparkle or shine that's unique to them. If you come across as a clone or Xerox copy of an existing star, whatever sparkle you emit off won't do your career much good.

So, throw away that cookie cutter, and figure out not what makes you "another Richard" or "the next new Judy," but what you have to offer that's different from anybody else.

—Now, what would that be? Well, take your cue (without imitating them!) from the stars who have made it in the biz. Aga Muhlach is all big, soulful eyes, boy-next-door appeal and sensitive dramatics; Robin Padilla is action, comedy, "bad boy"—See how different they are from each other? We submit that the difference is one reason why their careers have lasted for years—and even decades.

On the other hand, try to recall the dozens of other young stars or actors who have copied Aga's look and style—and all the other "bad boys" personalities who have decidedly "done a Robin." What, where their names, and where are they now? We rest our case.

Logical

It sounds logical, so why do many young starlets refuse to see the light? Well, because they have little or no real talent going for them—they're just pretty faces or hunky bodies who look good, period.

So, all they can do is to imitate established stars who look good like them—forgetting that those stars have talent, and other plus factors going for them, as well.

'Nescafé Coffiesta Setenta'

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Tirona, Kyla Rivera, Ira Cruz, Jaime Barcelon, Rapper Fernandez and Victor Evangelista—either reuniting to show their songs. "Pahimakas," off their debut album, "RCL," Sandwich's song is exceedingly user-friendly, because it involves text messaging, and how this can affect young people's love lives.

At 4 p.m. today, the Open Capsule's Singers perform cuts from their album at Robinsons Galleria.

Tomorrow at 4 p.m., it's KC Concepcion's turn to promote her album, "Alto Casavacky," at SM Mall of Asia.

CD Fever

The CD fever audio and video sale takes place today from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the 10th floor of Universal Tower, 1487 Quezon ave., QC. Up to 90-percent discount is offered, as more new titles are added to the discs on sale.

"Funny Girls"

At 8:30 tonight on Jack TV, "Funny Girls" features a series of stand-up comedy specials, performed by Joan Rivers, Paula Poundstone and Caroline Rhea.

"New Amsterdam"

Also premiering tonight, on the C/S channel, is "New Amsterdam," a drama series starring Danish actor, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, as immortal New York homicide detective, John Amsterdam.

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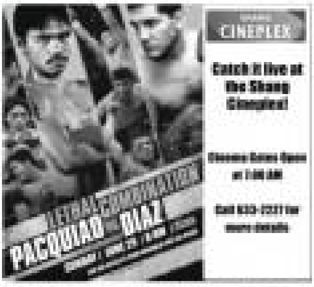
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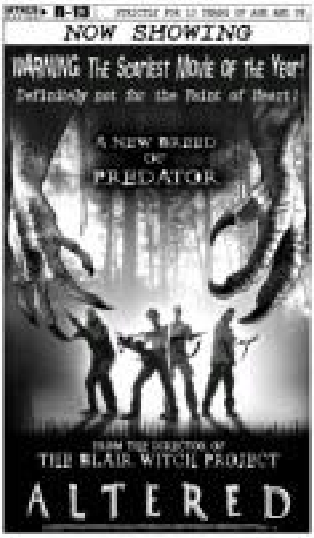


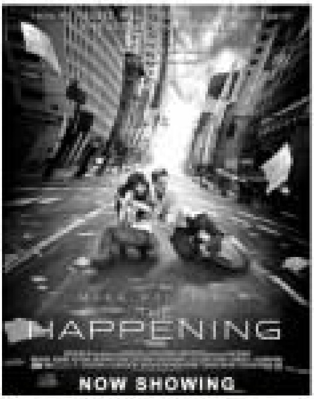
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By Bayani P. Acila

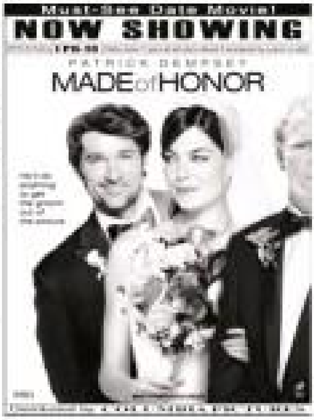
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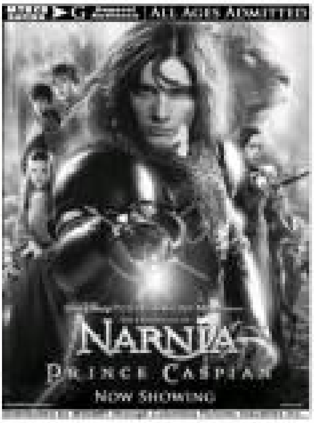












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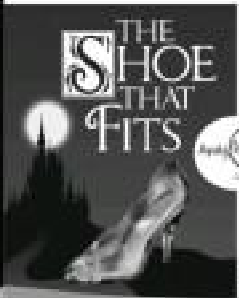
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THE JONAS BROTHERS Star in their new movie, "Camp Rock," and new album, "A Little Bit Longer"

YouTube videos

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SHANG CINEPLEX

1. French Film Festival
2. Incredible Hulk
3. Get Smart
4. Made of Honor

Kung Fu Panda

Holy Mass Celebration at the Shang!

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Confucius says

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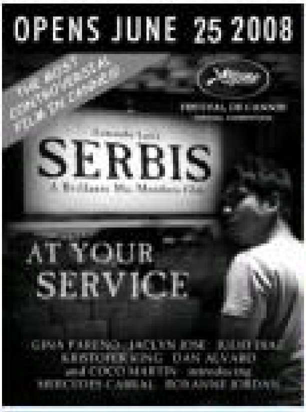


R. Valencia and S. Wanani

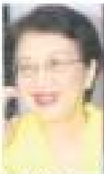
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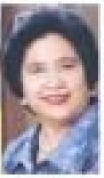
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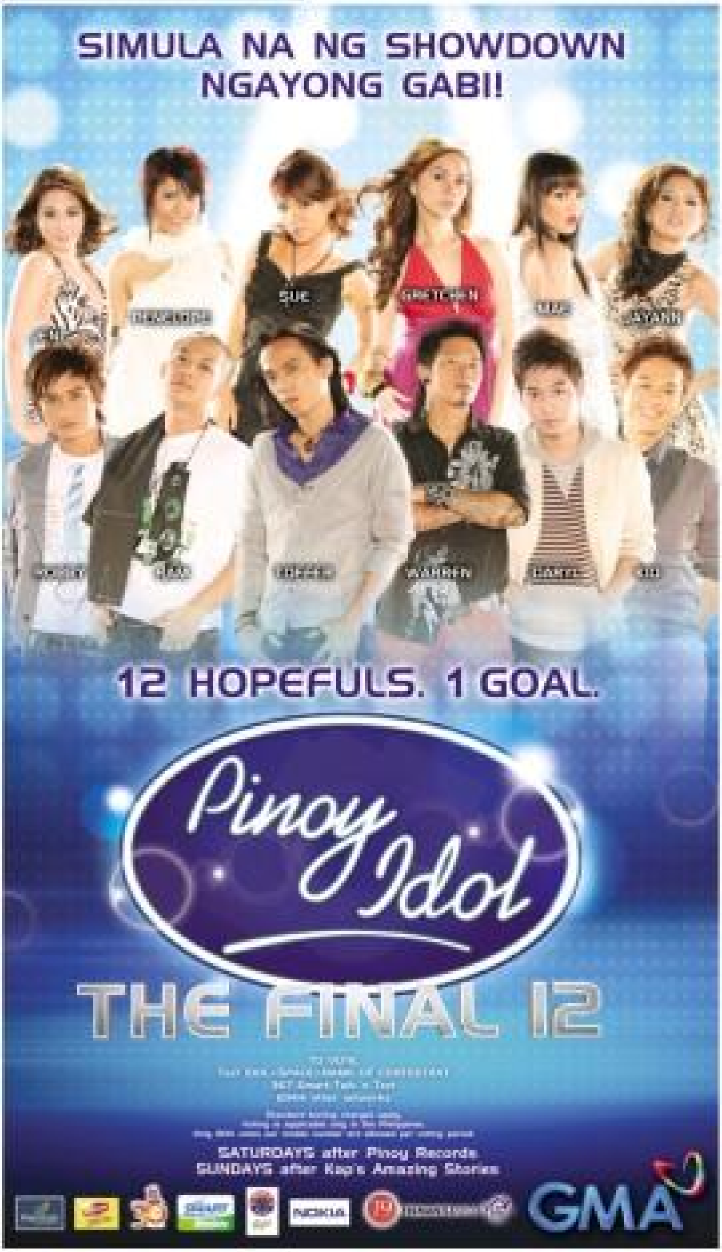


Musical on Cory Aquino to be staged at Meralco Theater





Acclaimed



Emotional content

Solo debut . . .



High notes

Jazzy flavor